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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. **(Original)** A method for treating the skin of a patient, comprising:
 - (a) providing an instrument body with a distal working surface that carries an abrading structure for engaging and abrading the skin together with a vacuum source coupled to at least one aperture about said working surface,
 - (b) translating the working surface device over the skin to thereby abrade the skin surface; and
 - (c) contemporaneously actuating the vacuum source to thereby cause suction engagement of the skin against the working surface and to aspirate skin debris through the at least one aperture.
2. **(Original)** The method as in claim 1 further comprising the step of providing a fluid to the skin to enhance suction engagement of the skin against the working surface.
3. **(Original)** The method as in claim 2 wherein the fluid is provided from a fluid source to a distal region of the instrument body.
4. **(Original)** The method as in claim 3 wherein the fluid is provided from a fluid source to at least one outflow port in the working surface.
5. **(Original)** The method as in claim 2 wherein the fluid is provided with a pharmacologically-active agent for treating skin.
6. **(Original)** The method as in claim 2 wherein the fluid is provided with an agent selected from the class consisting of citric acid and lactic acid.
7. **(Original)** The method as in claim 2 wherein the fluid is provided with an agent selected from the class comprising TCA (trichloroacetic acid), glycolic acid, alphahydroxy acid (AHA).
8. **(Original)** The method as in claim 2 wherein the fluid is provided with an acid for etching the skin surface.
9. **(Original)** The method as in claim 2 wherein the fluid is provided with a crystalline abrasive.

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10. **(Original)** The method as in claim 1 wherein step (a) provides a working surface with undulations for increasing the area of the working surface for engaging skin.

11. **(Withdrawn)** A system for treating the skin surface of a patient, comprising an instrument body with a working surface that carries an abrading structure for abrading skin, at least one opening in the working surface coupled to a passageway that extends to a remote vacuum source for suctioning the skin against the working surface, wherein the abrading structure defines a multiplicity of sharp apices for abrading tissue.

12. **(Withdrawn)** The system of Claim 11 wherein the abrading structure is carries about a plurality of undulations in the working surface.

13. **(Withdrawn)** The system of Claim 11 further comprising at least one media inflow port in the working surface for delivering a flowable media to the skin during treatment.

14. **(Withdrawn)** The system of Claim 11 wherein the at least one media inflow port in the working surface communicates with a fluid media canister in the instrument body.